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COURTSHIP EXTRAGRDINARY.

packets, started to California to bring back a bride whom he won under unusual circumstan-

One day the Captain said to him - "John you will never be married; you are too bashful to ask a lady to have you."

"I will bet you five dollars I ask the first girl I see," responded the pilot:

Next day they overtook the Rowena, which was lying by, on account of broken machinery. From her they took a family going to California, and among them were two young girls, who, his companion so long. in the course of the day made their way into the wheel, and when the pilot entered, he started out, winking to the young gentleman in a way

"And did the churl ask thee in?" first convenient opportunity. Mr. S, however, had resolved to go ahead-so in the captain's hearing, he immediately turned to the handsomer of the two young ladies, and said abruptly and desperately, "Miss, will you marry me?"

This startling question from a total stranger and at the first interview, was taken by both ladies as an insult; but apologies and explanations the red MacDougal strode through the chamber, smoothed the matter over, and all parties con- uttering Gaelic imprecations. cluded to laugh at the joke.

looking young gentleman, "suppose we make ulence-the sideboard is loaded with silver; up this match in earnest."

chapter in the joke, but afterwards the elder ing in the close; and the yery yard-dog shows sister came up to know what he meant? He that he has neither Lent nor meigreday. In a said he was in earnest. She remarked that her word, all in and about the house betokens quiet, sister did not wish to go to California, and, she wealth, and comfort. thought, would consent to stay. This began to fook serious. He requested that the young lady devoutly wish thee at the devil?" might be sent up, hoping she would reject him. She came up and accepted him. The joke grew jealousy towards myself; and my sire, my more serious than ever. He said as bravely as possible that he was entirely ready, if there was about their canvas than I conscientiously believe a preacher on board. He looked upon this as the united purses of the three would have pro-his last chance for escape. But it happened duced at any period of their lives. Dumnation! would that I had been warned by thee, Angus, I could—my, deem it not vanity—have been lady started to have him brought up. What lady started to have him brought up. What master of my own again.'

"How?" exclaimed the impatient Highlan-

The young man now saw that the proper der. course for him to pursue was to inform her that he was only joking. He however stated that he was inclined to be in carnest, but that they had known each other but a short time; that turned the Highlander, and have thy plaything on this account it would be prudent to wait till at her own price. She turned thy folly to acthey knew each other better; that he thought, so far as he knew, she was the very one he would have chosen for a wife; and henced the proverb—When poverty came in,

The young lady assented immediately to the propriety of all this; went on her way to California; they have corresponded regularly during a year past; and now the happy young man is on his way to the "promised land," to obtain, not gold, but a prize better than gold.

"Win her all out, then,' exclaimed the red MacDougal. 'None know, save three or four besides myself, aught of your marriage with not gold, but a prize better than gold.

Our information was obtained from a friend who comforted thyself with another wife, why,

73 Plank Roads are the order of the day among our friends of the clittle village of Han-nibal," above us. They are projecting a plank road across the Schnai Carte Bottom in Illinois, to connect with Pittsfield and Griggsville. They are also about extending the New London Road through Ralls county, and are also projecting another to Philadelphia, in the western part of the county of Marion. Such enterprise is not only commendable, but must result in great good

to the various towns and the country generally.

What are the people of old Pike, and especially of our town, thinking about whilst their neigh- not be necessary to detail; and Musgaave won bors are making such efforts to surround her by a heart, than which a warmer and a purer neva cordon of roads leading to other markets?-

wondered an Policy Series

Good Belected Storn.

MAY ANDERSOMS MARRIAGE. OR, THE LEGEND OF ELMPORD.

An hour's ride brought him to a little inn, here a companion was waiting his return over stoup of Bordeaux wine. He was a Highlander; a short, stout, square built man of thirty, with fiery-red hair, a slight obliquity of via Two weeks ago Mr. John S, a pilot on ion, and a face whose ensemble was decidedly rethe Kate Swinney, one of the Missouri river pulsive. MscDougal, like his friend Musgrave, had followed the fortunes of the exiled family -had starved at St. Germains obtained permission to return to Scotland—and visited the in it." But you drink it occasionally; and your leadth," with as little hope, and example goes to support the use of it. You see much less good luck than his friend, the Bor- its tremendous effects and yet you receive it inderer. Small as the harvest reaped on the Bor- to your house and bid it God speed. As far as der was by Musgrave, that gleaned in the Highlands by MacDougal was much less. The family property had been demolished, root and branch, and not a wreck remained. In a word, the fortune and influence of his name had been annihilated. Muttering a Celtic curse, he finance indicates a discontinuous and and a discontinuous and continuous and influence of his name had been annihilated. Muttering a Celtic curse, he finance innocently stand aside and do nothing. annihilated. Muttering a Celtic curse, he fin-ished the stoup before him, called loudly for another, and then demanded what had detained

'Long!' returned the Borderer; 'I should pilot house. The captain happened to be at the have accepted my host's invitation, and remain-

that was intended to convey information that he should trouble him for the five dollars at the haspitably. I rode to my father's door with every feeling of hatred for its possessor. I left it, half-reconciled to him, and half-inclined to make love to his daughter.'

'And what may she be like?'
'A woman without a single pretension to

beauty-and yet one that a man might love.'
'How looked the auld place? Not like my ancient home -a place without a roof -a hearth without a fire.' And springing from his chair

'I should have scarcely known it, Angus; Said the pilot, who, by the way, was a fine, tured well. Every room bears the mark of opthe servants are neat and orderly; and the stall This also was treated at the time as another my horse was led to, thou and I might sleep in. I never saw such cows as the maids were milk-

> 'And did the carl bid thee welcome; was the wench civil; and in their hearts did they not

'No, Angus; there seems not a particle of

By enacting the same mummery with May Anderson that I went through with Claudine Dubreton!

'Thou would'st rivat royalty, forsooth !' rewould have chosen for a wife; and hoped she love took his departure; and the close of the would correspond with him.

'Too true-too true, Angus.' But think ye, you could win the wench ? 'She's half won already, if I know aught of

The above is all true, precisely as narrated; land; and even did she discover that thou hadst was well acquainted with the pilot and captain, God's mercy! she will console herself with another lover.

It would be a very doubtful question to decide, whether Musgrave or his adviser were the greater profligate. Both were ruined men-and May Anderson and her fortune appeared to be thrown as a god-send in the way. The High-lander's sporrau did not contain a solitary coin; the Borderer's pocket would not stand a month's demands. Want of principle and poverty went hand in hand; and Anderson and his in occit child were marked unscruplously by the ruffians twain,' for ruin.

The progress of this unhallowed suit it will er throbbed in woman's breast. No man exists This question will be answered without our agency without some weak point, and Mr. Anderson's before long, unless we are on the alert. Mark was pardomble. To make a fortune is generally followed by a wish to found a name. His daughter's union with the heir of Ashford would Mr. J. E. Marnell will open a large stave countervail the obscurity of May's birth, and give her that position in Border society that even wealth could not command. Muserave occupied by Quarles & Caldwell. played a cautious game—May would listen to

no tale to his disadvantage-and her father succceded in persuading himself that if his y were wild and dissipated, his manhood had come reformed. Musicraves addresses therefore favorably received; and his son was united in form to a man who ready married to another, (To be Continued.)

Liquor-Law Reform.

OX SERMON.

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A deadly poison is circulating over the land, carrying disease, desolation and death in its course. The alarm has been given. Its deadly effects have been described, seen and felt. Its victims are of every class, and however wide the difference in fortune, education, intellect, it brings them to the same dead level. An effort has been made to stay the plague, and a success surpassing all expectation has crowned the effort. Still, the plague ranges to an immense extent. What will every good citizen do? Will he not clear his house, his shop, his premises of it?-Will he not take every precaution to defend himself against it, and use his influence and his exertions to diminish its circulation and thus diminish human misery? If he fears God or regards man, can he stop short of this? "Let others take care of themselves-I'll make no promises-I'll not be bound-I am in no danger? If he can speak and act thus, and stands aloof, and continues to drink, is he not guilty, and with the distiller and vender accountable to God for the perpetuation of these mighty evils, which but for his co-operation and agency must soon cease to exist? Let every one think of these

WHAT A CURSE .- The Grand Jury of New York City, in a recent presentment, informs us that during the year 1851, the number of commitments to the city prison amounted to 21,792; and that of this number 19,453 were intemperate persons. We quote a single passage from this presentment: "Looking at the statistics of the city prison for the year 1851, we find that the most frightful cause of crime is the prevalence of intemperance. Nine tenths of the committo the same cause,

John Brough, President of the Mississippi and Atlantic Railroad Company, advertises in the St. Louis papers for proposals for doing the grading and masonry on the Terre Haute and St. Louis Railroad, from Terre Haute to Pocahontas in this State, a distance of 124 miles. As he has not yet obtained a charter from the legislature of this State for the construction of a road from Terre Haute to St, Louis, this movement may with good reason be considered a mere ruse to embarrass the projectors of the Alton and Terre Haute, and the Illinoistown and Vincennes roads.—Morgan (Ill.) Journal.

There will be a similar "ruse" resorted to on the Hannibal and Naples Railroad. We mean that John Brough, is proceeding logarity the General Railroad Law of Illinois, without a of the Navy.

Robert McClelland, of Michigan, Secretary that John Brough, is proceeding legally, under War.

Well Asswered .- A witness examined in General. one of the courts of Illinois upon a trial concerning a horse trade, was asked by the counsel for the defendant how the plaintiff generally rade? He generally rides a straddle, sir, replied

the witness. 'How does he ride in company?' asked the attorney.

If he has a good horse he always keeps up. How does he ride when he is alone? Really, sir,' replied the witness, 'I cannot

say, for I never was in company with him when he rode by himself.' You may stand aside,' said the counsel.

Thank you, sir. Signals,-The lamps used on railroads in England are of three colors -red, to signify danger; green, to denote caution; and white to indicate safety. Applied to trains in motion, white implies that full speed may be attained; gren, proceed slowly; red, stop.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

Beiwsen 12, m., yesterday, and 12, m., to-day.

Monday, March 27st.

Steamer Jeannie Deans, St. Louis,

"J. McKes, Keokuk,

"Die Vernon, Reckuk,

"Golden Era, Keokuk,

From the Paris Mercury.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Handbal and M. Joseph Reilroad was held at Glagow last week. The Directors present was Messra R. M. Sawart, R. F. Lakenam, Thos. F. The space, R. L. Bayd, T. S. Talbott, and John Corby. The principal business of the meeting of the Directory was to decide upon the location of said road several routes having the location of said road, several routes having been surveyed. The location was fixed as follows: "Starting from the city of Hunnibal, pass-ing up Bear Creek to the town of Palmyra; thence taking the Southern route along the divimiles south of Shelbyville, between the waters of the North and Middle. Forks of Salt river; passes three and a half miles south of Bloomington, south of Linneus, and near the town of Chilicothe; thence by the Utica divide to Castile, takes the Southern route into the city of St. Joseph, this being the line reported by the Chief Engineer as most favorable." This route is usfavorable to Monroe county as could have beenexpected, as it runs only some 14 miles worth of Paris. A station, or as the French would say, depot, will no doubt be located not far from where the State road from Paris to Shelbyville will cross the Railroad, and a Plank road to said station, would give our people great facili-ties for the transportation of produce and merchandize, and would also be the means of greatly enhancing the value of real estate in this county. With these roads, the people of Monroe could sell every article of produce at river prices, as freights would be merely nominal. A. station at the above mentioned point would also suit the people of Shelbyville and Shelby county generally. When the North Missonri Rail-road shall be completed, Monroe will be as favorably located, all things considered, as any other county in the State, St. Louis excepted. Premising that the aforesaid road will be located on her southern border, with the Hannibal and St. Joseph road on her Northern side, with plank roads connecting the principal towns in the county with one or both of these roads, who can estimate the benefits that will result therefrom to the county—the whole county, each and every part of it? In this case, the people of the county can trade, at their option, either at Hannibal or St. Louis-paying but little freight and attended with none of those annoying delays to which they are now subject. The prospects of our county were never more flattering, and with an energetic and industrious population, she promises still to maintain her rank smong the very first counties of the State. Thus it is with the State at large-from every quarter we can hear of increased energy among the people, and each county is apparently striving to out-strip the other in all that appertains to make a people 'healthy, wealthy and wise.' All thanks to our enterprising railroad companies, and our indefatigable representatives in Congress, not forgetting our own State legislature. Missouri is now on the high road to prosperity and true greatness, and with railroads and navigable rivers to every point of the compass-rich in mineral and agricultural resources-who can bespeak for her other than a glorious career.

From the Paris Mercury.

CABINET APPOINTMENTS.

We learn that the following nominations were made by the President, on Monday last, and forthwith confirmed by the Senate, without opposition :

William L. Marcy, of New York, Secretary of State. James Guthery, of Kentucky, Secretary of

the Treasury.
Jefferson Davis, of Mississippi, Secretary of

James Campbell, of Pennsylvania, Postmaster

Caleb Cushing, of Massachusetts, Attorney General.

The new Heads of Departments entered on their respective duties on Tuesday .- National Intelligencer.

ARRIVALS AT THE PRINCIPAL HOTELS.

Between 12, M., yesterday, and 12, M., to-day.

Mr. West, Monroe county; J. W. Eubank, Madiason; Thos. Bowling, Ralis county; Alfred McCormack, Ry; Cel. Brown, New Londen; Mrs. Hayden; W. Wickersham, Jowa; C. P. Layer, and friend; Wm. C. Bayly, R. R.; Judge Castarphen, Ralis Co., T. C. Cleaver, do; S. C. Raymend, Plank Road; W. P. Samuel, Shannondale; J. P. Samuel, de; Win. Doom, Ky.; Wm. Lindle, St. Louis; B. B. Wentworth, R. R.; R. Booth, do; Evac T. Lamb and Daughter; S. D. Cobb; W. C. Campbell; C. D. Roberts, Belheav, Va; Harvey Campbell; Thos. Hidreth; William Ralph, St. Louis; Letitia Ralph, do; James Parker, Cincinnati. BRADY HOUSE. wati-

Wm. Linton, St. Louis; N. F. Hubbard, City; J. M.
Robertson and Lady, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Jacob Traxler
and Lady, and four Children, Puttsburg; S. Couch, de;
Mr. Orr and Family, Cincinnati, Onio; T. A. Laboum, New Loudon; C. Cotton, Shelbyville; Dr. Jaco,
Wilkim, Bloomington; Thos. R. Hudson and Family,
Ohio; R. S. Huborn, New York; Dr. Johnson, Marion county; Joshua Gentry, do; a. Ryman, do; Mr.
S. WRson, do.